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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-entitled patent application are the following:

1. Response to Office Action

A return postcard is enclosed for the Office to indicate receipt of these materials.

[X] Petition For Extension Of Time

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to respond to the Office Action mailed April 30, 2002, for:

[X] three months \$920.00.

Fee

- [] There is no increase in the number of independent, dependent or multiple dependent claims beyond those previously paid for.
- [X] There is an increase in the number of independent, dependent or multiple dependent claims beyond those previously paid for. The required fee is calculated below.

Claims Remaining After Amendment: 59 Total, 6 Independent Highest No. Previously Paid For: 20 Total, 3 Independent

Additional independent claims above 3: $\underline{3}$ @ \$84 each \$252.00 Additional claims above 20: 39 @ \$18 each \$702.00 Multiple Dependency Fee: \$260 \$0.00

[X] Our check for \$1874.00 is enclosed.

Deposit Account Authorization

[X] Please charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1641, referring to matter 22681-0002. This is not, however, an authorization to pay the issue fee. A duplicate of this document is enclosed.

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